centrally maintained. The data available from National Cancer Registry Programme of ICMR does indicate rise in the cancer cases in India. There are about nine lakh new Cancer patients occurring every year in the country. The diabetes and heart diseases are also increasing in the country.

Drip and sprinkler irrigation

706. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drip and sprinkler irrigation is rapidly gaining ground in country;

(b) the number of hectares, district-wise, covered under drip irrigation in the State of West Bengal; and

(c) the details of Central subsidy provided to farmers who are doing drip irrigation in the State of West Bengal in the last three years; year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The district wise area covered under drip irrigation in the State of West Bengal is as under:

Sl.No.	District	Area covered under drip (ha)
1.	Burdwan	21
2.	Malda	12
3.	Paschim Midnapore	22
4.	South 24 Parganas	0.6
	TOTAL :	55.60

(c) The Central subsidy of Rs.195.67 lakh was released to eighteen districts of West Bengal during 2006-07 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Irrigation. Since, the subsidy released to the State was not utilized fully, further release of funds could not be made. The district wise details of central subsidy provided is given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of district-wise release of funds during 2006-07

Sl.No.	Name of the District	Funds released (Rs. in lakh)
1	2	3
1.	Bankura	13.37
2.	Burdwan	8.63
3.	Birbhum	8.50
4.	Cooch Behar	7.74
5.	Dakshin Dinajpur	6.38

1	2	3
6.	Darjeeling	14.85
7.	Hooghly	13.22
8.	Howrah	9.41
9.	Jalpaiguri	11.25
10.	Malda	8.63
11.	Murshidabad	8.63
12.	Nadia	14.99
13.	North 24 Parganas	11.24
14.	Paschim Midnapore	10.99
15.	Purba Midnapore	7.78
16.	Purulia	20.53
17.	South 24 Parganas	13.15
18.	Uttar Dinajpur	6.38
	TOTAL :	195.67

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[MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.]

STATEMENT BY MINISTER CORRECTING ANSWER TO QUESTION

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the statement correcting the answer to Unstarred Question 70 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th October, 2008 regarding child and maternal mortality rates.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report (2008-09) and Accounts (2007-08) of ICAR, New Delhi and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(a) Annual Report of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi, for the year 2008-2009.

(b) Annual Accounts of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi, for the year 2007-2008, together with Audit Report thereon.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (b) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 10771/09]